

## **SUARTS POLICY | POLITICAL SOCIETIES**

### **This Union Notes:**

1. Engagement of the general population with political activity is key to the proper governance of a nation.
2. Universities and Students' Unions have an established history of producing politically engaged and motivated individuals.
3. SUARTS needs engaged and motivated individuals to lead it in the years to come.
4. That in the past, numbers participating in the leadership/political aspects of the Students' Union (including elections etc) have been relatively low.

### **This Union Believes:**

1. That there poses a notable threat to the diversity of our membership, and their quality of life in the UK, in the form of extremist groups such as the British National Party.
2. That mainstream political groups would benefit from the involvement of our members as individuals, and collectively.
3. That mainstream political groups currently do a poor job of catering to the needs of our membership in its generality.
4. That strengthening, evolving, and constructively challenging the mainstream political groups could lead to positive change in the politics of our country.
5. That SUARTS provides "start-up" support for sports & societies
6. That each of the mainstream political parties (for the purposes of this document assumed to be the Conservative, Labour, and Liberal Democrats) include youth movements that provide events, activities and support that would be relevant to politically active members of SUARTS.
7. That politically engaged and active student groups will engage students in the Union more widely.

### **This Union Resolves:**

1. To mandate the Executive Committee to setup, advertise, recruit and develop societies aimed at involving students in each of the main parties.
2. To contact and make use of the youth movements for each of the aforementioned parties to support and engage members of these societies.
3. To encourage the members of the societies to be involved with wider campaigning and action.

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